

Primary 3 Newsletter - Term 1

Literacy & English

Our class novel this term is 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl. It tells the story of a girl who cannot control her magic finger, and is especially upset by injustices. The particular injustice she confronts in this story is that her neighbours, the Greggs, hunt animals just for fun. The book will provide a variety of literacy activities through which children will continue to develop skills such as summarising, visualising and predicting. In writing, we shall focus on description texts where we will describe the characteristics of people, places and things. Grammar will include learning about nouns, adjectives and present tense verbs to support this. There will be also be opportunities for children to work collaboratively on different discussion tasks to develop their communication skills.

Spelling homework will be uploaded to Seesaw on Mondays.

Numeracy

This term we will focus on developing and extending our knowledge of place value to 3 digit numbers and understanding the importance of zero as a place holder. Children will then work on solving a range of problems involving addition & subtraction. There will also be opportunities to develop mental maths skills through number talks.

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will create a Class Charter, linked to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and our school values, of faith, compassion, ambition and respect. As part of our mental resilience programme, we will participate in circle time discussions on a variety of subjects such as acting fairly, honestly and responsibly.

P.E. will be take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our focus this term will be getting back in the swing of things, re-establishing routines and games/fitness activities. Please ensure children have an appropriate change of clothes on these days.

Religious & Moral Education

As part of our Parish Festival celebrations, children will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's birthday and explore Mary's significance in the Catholic Church. They will learn hymns to sing at the Mass of Saint Ninian on Monday 16th September, and 'The Butterfly Song' to sing at the Parish Festival Concert on Thursday 26th September.

Children will also learn about the baptism of Jesus and how his great humility sets an example for us all to follow .

STEAM

On Tuesday afternoons, children will undertake a variety of Science and Art activities with Mrs Corkindale. In particular, they will create a piece of art work, celebrating Our Lady, to be displayed at St. Mary's Star of the Sea church, during the Parish Festival.

With Mrs McDonald, children will learn how to use capitals, simple punctuation and change the font on Microsoft word.

French & Mandarin

Children will revise how to say hello and goodbye in the both French and Mandarin, as well as extend their vocabulary to include more colour and number words.